Statement II

Sanctioned strength and vacancy position of Gazetted (Ministerial) Posts in the Deptt. and its Attached Office

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Vacant	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Director/Deputy Secretary	3	Panel from Deptt. of Personnel & Training has been called for.
2	Under Secretary	—	4 posts of Under Secys. have been filled up on ad-hoc basis in accordance with the instruction of the Deptt. of Personnel and Training by promoting departmental Section Officers (Sh. S.S. Gupta, Abrar Hussain, A.S. Bhalla and J.L. Sharma).
3	Section Officers/Desk Officers	2	One post of Section Officer has been filled up on adhoc basis by promoting departmental Assistant (Sh. V.K. Kumar). The vacancies in the S.O. Grade have been reported to the cadre controlling authority for filling it on ad-hoc basis/ regular basis.

Statement III

SANCTIONED STRENGTH AND VACANCY POSITION OF GAZETTED NON-MINISTERIAL / TECHNICAL POSTS IN AN ATTACHED OFFICE — OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER (PI)

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Vacant (w.e.f.)	Remarks
1	2	3	4
1	Dy. Development Commissioner	1985	Action is being taken to fill up the post.
2	Assistant Director (Cost)	1990	Against one post, Mrs. Geeta Chhabra has been given offer of appointment. She has, however, asked for extension upto 30·9·91. Ministry of Finance is, however, being reminded from time to time for the posting of Asstt. Director (Cost).

Overcharging the Prices of Bulk Drugs and Formulations

1664. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1664 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of cases of overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations have been recorded by Government;

(b) what are the details of cases of overcharging came to the notice of Government under DPCO, 1979 and DPCO, 1987 separately;

(c) since when each came to the notice and what action has been taken on each;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not launched any prosecution case against any of the drug companies since 1979;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what is the stage of action in each case of overcharging registered

with Government and what are the details of cases at the stage of preliminary investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The details to the extent available with the Government regarding overcharging of prices of bulk drugs and formulations were given in Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 650 answered on 5th September, 1991 and Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1-8-1991. The question of recovery of amount along with interst as arrears of land revenue and launching prosecution against the companies or referring the matter to the Collector concerned is under consideration.

Errors Found in the Price recommendations of certain Drugs

1665. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1657 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have found errors in the report of price recommendations of Ephedrine, Ethambutol, Sulphamoxole and several other drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details of erros found in each report and what are the main points in which clarifiacton was sought from BICP;

(c) whether it is a fact that neither BICP nor DPRC or any other Committee has any authority not to work out the formulation prices when once the price of the Bulk drugs is notified;

(d) if so, unnder what authority the fixation of prices of formulations not implemented after the notification of Bulk drug prices; and

(e) what is the policy in this regard and what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) This Department after receiving cost-cum-technical study report of BICP examines those reports and fixes the prices of bulk drugs. However, at times certain clarifications of technical nature or on the other points in the cost-cum-technical study are sought before fixing the prices.

(c) to (e) Fixation/revision of prices of formulations are done by this Department after thorough scrutiny and examinations of the reports submitted by DPRC Sub-Committee of BICP. While working out the prices of formulations, among other costs current notified.

Mark ups based on the recommendations of Hathi Committee

1666. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1653 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mark ups based on the recommendations of Hathi Committee were scientifically studied by the Wanchoo Committee;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no study has been carried out and mark ups are being increased unilaterally and arbitrarily;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that no study was made before increase of mark ups and trade commission;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether it is a fact that return on sales turnover in the drug industry is the highest based on RBI study; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?